

We claim:

1           1.     In a communication system in which data is communicated to a  
2     receiving station on a communication link susceptible to distortion, an improvement  
3     of apparatus for facilitating recovery of the data, communicated pursuant to a  
4     frequency division multiplexing scheme as a first data part communicated upon a first  
5     sub-band and at least a second data-part communicated upon at least a second sub-  
6     band, the adjacent ones of the first and at least second sub-bands partially  
7     overlapping in frequency, said apparatus comprising:

8                 a data-part isolating filter coupled to receive indications of values of  
9     the data, once received at the receiving station, said data-part isolating filter for  
10    forming separate filtered values within frequency ranges defining each of the first and  
11    at least second sub-bands, respectively;

12                a pre-filter sample coupled to receive the separate filtered values  
13    formed by said data-part isolating filter for each of the first and at least second sub-  
14    bands, said pre-filter sampler for sampling the separate filtered values applied thereto  
15    at sampling rates causing frequency-shifting of selected portions of each of the  
16    separate filtered values to out-of-bound frequency ranges; and

17                a pre-filter rejection filter coupled to said pre-filter sampler, said pre-  
18    filter rejection filter for rejecting the selected portions of each of the separate filtered  
19    values frequency-shifted by said pre-filter sampler and for forming therefrom filtered  
20    representations of each of the first and at least second data-parts.

1           2.     The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the separate filtered values formed by  
2     said data-part isolating filter are each formed of an intended sub-band component and  
3     interfering, adjacent sub-band components.

1        3.        The apparatus of claim 1 wherein data-parts communicated upon each  
2 of the first and at least second sub-bands is formatted into a data-portion and  
3 training-portion and wherein said apparatus further comprises an Impulse Response  
4 (IR) estimator, said Impulse Response estimator for estimating an Impulse Response  
5 of the communication link responsive to values of the training-portion of the data  
6 parts.

1        4.        The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said Impulse Response (IR) estimator  
2 estimates a separate impulse response for each of the first and at least second sub-  
3 bands.

1        5.        The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said pre-filter sampler comprises an  
2 anti-causal filter.

1        6.        The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said pre-filter sampler comprises a  
2 Finite Impulse Response (FIR) filter.

1        7.        The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said pre-filter sampler performs  
2 temporal whitening of the indications of the values of the data applied thereto.

1        8.        The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said pre-filter rejection filter  
2 comprises a Finite Impulse Response (FIR) filter.

1        9.        The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said pre-filter rejection filter  
2 comprises a causal filter.

1        10.       The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said pre-filter rejection filter  
2 comprises a passband filter exhibiting passbands at each of the first and at least  
3 second sub-bands

1           11.    The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said pre-filter sampler utilizes  
2   Maximum Sequence Estimation (MSE) to determine filter coefficients determinative  
3   of operation thereof to cause the frequency-shifting of the selected portions of each of  
4   the separate filtered values.

1           12.    The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the communication system comprises  
2   a radio communication system, wherein the communication link comprises a radio  
3   link, wherein the distortion comprises fading, and wherein the filtered representations  
4   of each of the first and at least second data-pats are substantially orthogonal to one  
5   another.

1           13.    The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a frequency translator  
2   coupled to receive the filtered representations of each of the first and at least second  
3   data-parts, said frequency translator for translating the filtered representations to  
4   selected frequency-offsets.

1           14.    The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a Fourier Transformer  
2   coupled to receive indications of the filtered representations formed by said pre-filter  
3   rejection filter, said Fourier Transformer for transforming the indications of the  
4   representations of the representations between a frequency domain and a time  
5   domain.

1        15. In a method for communicating in a communication system in which  
2 data is communicated to a receiving station on a communication link susceptible to  
3 distortion, an improvement of a method for facilitating recovery of the data,  
4 communicated pursuant to a frequency division multiplexing scheme as a first data  
5 part communicated pursuant to a frequency division multiplexing scheme as a first  
6 data-part communicated upon a first sub-band and at least a second data-part  
7 communicated upon at least a second sub-band, adjacent ones of the first and at least  
8 second sub-bands partially overlapping in frequency, said method comprising:

9        forming, responsive to indications of values of the data once received at the  
10 receiving station, separate filtered values within frequency ranges defining each of  
11 the first and at least second sub-bands respectively;

12        sampling the separate filtered values applied thereto at sampling rates causing  
13 frequency-shifting of selected portions of each of the separate filtered values applied  
14 thereto at sampling rates causing frequency-shifting of selected portions of each of  
15 the separate filtered values to out-of-bound frequency ranges; and

16        rejecting the selected portions of each of the separate filtered values of the  
17 frequency-shifted to the out-of-bound frequency ranges, thereby forming filtered  
18 representations of each of the first and at least second data-parts.

1        16. The method of claim 15 further comprising the operation, prior to said  
2 operation of forming, of:

3        modulating the data into the first part and at least the second part at  
4 frequencies, respectively, at the first sub-band and at least at the second sub-band,  
5 that partially overlap theretogether; and

6        sending the first and at least second data parts upon the communication  
7 link to the receiving station.

1           17.    The method of claim 16 wherein the first and at least second data parts  
2   are formatted into data-portions and training-portions.

1           18.    The method of claim 17 further comprising the operation of estimating  
2   an Impulse Response of the communication link.

1           19.    The method of claim 15 wherein said operation of sampling temporally  
2   whitens the indications of the values of the data.

1           20.    The method of claim 19 further comprising the operation of performing  
2   maximum sequence estimation to determine operational parameters by which to carry  
3   out said operation of sampling.